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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of the claims is appreciated. Applicants submit the following comments concerning the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance cited in the Notice of Allowability: Applicants recognize that, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicants do not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, all of the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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